(b) On the basis of the finished stock value the loss due to fire is estimated around Rs. 50 lakh. However, the exact loss is being assessed by Insurance Company's Surveyor, after segregation/valuation of damaged stock/salvage.

(c) Preliminary inspection has been carried out by the Officers of Unit on the spot. Further Departmental enquiry has also been ordered by the Corporation. The responsibility for the lapses, if any will be fixed after the detailed report of the enquiry ordered is received. Appropriate preventive measures have been initiated by the Corporation in all its Units to avoid such recurrence. FIR has been lodged with the police.

(d) Stocks of the value of Rs. 4 crores in respect of the material lying in factory premises in insured The stock of Rs. 43 lakh was insured for the stock lying in the compound across the road where the fire took place. The amount of insurance claim will be worked out after necessary survey is completed.

Subsidy to Public Distribution System

1972. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have provided Rs. 250 crore as additional subsidy for Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A provision of Rs. 250 crores has been made in the Budget for the year 1992-93 on account of additional subsidy and also the cost of constructing number of godowns under the Revamped Public Distribution System, being implemented in about 1700 blocks identified for this purpose. The allocation for these items will be augmented if necessary.

Distribution of superior quality of wheat to consumers

1973. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to distribute superior quality of wheat to the consumers in small bags through Public Distribution System;

(b) the details of the prevailing wheat price supplied through Public Distribution System as well as its price in the open market;

(c) whether the tenders for import of wheat have been processed and finalised.

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon; and

(e) the present price of wheat in the international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Central Government issue wheat for Public Distribution System (PDS) to all States|UTs at the uniform Central Issue Price of Rs. 280 per quintal (effective from 28-12-1991). In case of Integrated Tribunal Development Projects areas (ITDP) the Central Issue Price of Wheat is Rs. 230 per quintal. The end retail price to the consumers under the PDS are fixed by the respective States Governments|U.T. Administrations after adding incidental cost such as handling and transport charges, local levies and margins to the fair price shop owners. In the case of ITDP Central Government has stipulated that end retail prices should not exceed Central Issue prices by more than Rs. 25 per quintal. The